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Addenda and Questions
The Stewart B. McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and
Youth (EHCY) – Year 1 Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO)
August 5, 2025

Link to NGO: https://www.nj.gov/education/grants/opportunities/2026/26-BR34-H02_NGO.shtml

- 1. Does the district have to have an existing relationship with the organizations they will be partnering with, or can they initiate them for this project and have them ongoing in the future?**

Yes, you can initiate them for this project and have them ongoing.

- 2. Can this grant be used for transportation?**

Yes, if it meets the needs identified in the comprehensive needs assessment. You will be working with districts within each county to meet the needs of students for the entire region.

- 3. As for the budget admin cost, will it be capped at 10% as the NGO states no greater than 15% but EWEG only allows up to 10%?**

No, admin costs will not be capped at 10%. Per the NGO, the total administrative costs requested may not exceed 15% of the grant award. EWEG does not limit admin cost.

- 4. For the purpose of this grant, are charter schools eligible, or just public school districts?**

Yes, charter schools are public school districts and are eligible.

- 5. On the project description, the NGO is saying there are three pages with 7,500 words per page, which would allow 22,500 words. Is this correct?**

Please contact eweghelp@doe.nj.gov.

- 6. How many words are required to include in the project abstract?**

The project abstract is a summary and should be no more than 200 words.

- 7. How does the grantee budget for the entire region?**



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The applicant is responsible for all districts in all of the counties in the region. The budget must be based on the needs of the region. A comprehensive needs assessment will identify the needs of the region.

8. For each of the regions, is the amount that is allocated the maximum amount for each region?

Yes. Please see the NGO and slide 11 of the presentation.

9. If a district within Union County successfully applies, what services could they share with a district in another county in the region?

The comprehensive needs assessment will identify the needs and which services should be implemented in the counties within each region.

10. Does a needs assessment need to be carried out?

Yes, a comprehensive needs assessment must be completed for this opportunity.

11. Does one reach out to the regions and thereby the districts to get access to their needs assessment to complete the application?

Districts, counties, and state agencies such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would have needs assessments available.

12. How can a district acquire county or school district data for the comprehensive needs assessment?

Districts can pull from a number of sources; a few examples include:

- a. https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/asi/hsac_needs_assessment.html;
- b. <https://monarchhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Hudson-PIT-Report-2024.pdf>;
- c. <https://www.hcnj.us/planning/past-studies-and-documents/> - note, every County has a baseline master plan with subsequent updates.

13. Does it matter which "subgrantee tab" under the Subgrantee Budget Excel spreadsheet we use for our calculations?

The subgrantee budget spreadsheet must include the MOU with the partnering agency, community-based organization, etc.

14. Can a district that does not get awarded the grant take part in the consortium?

A lead agency is awarded the grant. That lead agency serves the entire region. Slide 11 details the names of counties within each region.



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15. What dictates how much is given to a regional grantee besides the needs assessment?

Data is derived from the number of students experiencing homelessness in each county.

16. Which school year data is used to determine the number of reported students experiencing homelessness?

The allocation is based on 2023-2024 school year data.

17. Does SAM registration have to be valid for the entire duration of the grant?

Yes; you must ensure the registration is updated if it expires during the grant period. Districts are required to certify the SAM registration will be updated, if needed.

18. The grantee budget summary and detail forms are listed as "not required" on the NGO - is that accurate?

The grantee budget summary and detail forms are required for the application. The NGO has been updated accordingly.

19. Are regions meant to work together while building the program/application?

Regions are not required to work together. We encourage districts within a region to work together.

20. Is only one district awarded for each region?

Yes, only one district per region will be awarded.

21. Is it a consortium with your region?

The awarded grantee is required to support all districts within their region.

22. What is the timeline for awarding the new grant?

Prior to the start date of the project period on October 1, 2025.

23. In the budget section of the application, will the funds be listed?

No, you must budget the funds based on the amount listed in the NGO. It will be negative until the award is granted.

24. How do I budget for indirect costs since it is not in the EWEG application?

An indirect cost tab will be added to EWEG no later than August 15, 2025.